

property tax relief, we are at the same time imposing upon local governments some additional responsibilities. I am also concerned, very much concerned about the passage of LB 361 which I think we recognize is going to, without a doubt, absorb far more or probably increase the taxes on rural real estate far more than LB 84 will diminish those taxes. And so recognizing that the battle is a long way from being over, I think that Senator Landis has touched upon something which is very critical and that is that we all begin some additional efforts towards communication and we are all inclined to be a bit provincial and perhaps somewhat secretive when we discuss these issues, but it is only when they are all laid out on the table,...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...as they have been here today, that we have a better understanding of what goes on, and so I would hope that as we proceed in the next few days, there is additional communication because certainly there will be trouble down the road if we don't address these issues as of today and in this session.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Landis, followed by Senators Lamb and Wehrbein.

SENATOR LANDIS: I am just back up to say that I meant no criticism of either the committee or the floor. I just want to acknowledge what I think the state of things are. My admonishment is for all of us to just now turn to the issues of what are the chief priorities ahead of us, and at this point, we need to find some things that we are not going to do, rather than to continue to search for things that we are going to do. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Mr. President and members, I share the concern that has been expressed on this floor with regard to the spending levels that we seem to be aiming for, promoting sending on down the line this year, but I rise to object to calling attention to property tax relief as the culprit that is going to do all the bad things. When I look at LB 813, one billion plus bill, and LB 814, capital construction, a very large bill, and as you look at all of the bills on Final Reading on the back sheet, there are a number of big ticket items there, why don't